



**City of Amesbury
Lakes and Waterways Commission
Meeting of Sept 26, 2013
Amesbury Health Center Cafeteria**

MEETING MINUTES:

Commission members present: Chairman Bruce Georgian, Alex Pooler, Laura Pooler
Secretary: Ken Aspeslagh *City Engineer:* Director Rob Desmarais

The meeting began at 6:35 PM.

1. **Previous Meeting Minutes:** The meeting minutes from July were approved unanimously.
2. **Engineers Report:**
 - a. Drawdown of Attitash beginning. Boards will go down to 95 ft which is the point where ground water levels come into play. Lake Gardner dam to open tomorrow. Boards to go down 2 ft. Gardner can't go down further because of muscle requirements. Drawdown to be done by November 1st because of MA turtle requirements.
 - b. State testing of blue-green algae ends next year. (Dept. of public health pilot program ending.)
 - i. Alex: Could Attitash testing be done by the L&W or LGIA? Would be good incentive for Lake Attitash people to be involved in L&W.
3. **Millyard update:** Made up the lost grant from other sources. City is out to bid for the cleanup and it should start in November.
 - a. Rob: John Higgins is LSP of Lower Millyard and was the person leading up the now defunct Powow River Watershed Association. John is working on project at the Frog pond in Newburyport.
4. **Membership:** Tom Murphy will likely be joining the commission.
5. **Grants:**
 - a. 319 grant: Have not heard anything yet. This will be our last 319 grant because we're an urbanized area according to the census.
 - b. Possible grant money available for tidal areas
6. **Greenscapes:** Waiting on possible 319 grant.
7. **Lake Assessment:** Ken to send copy to rob.
8. **Invasives:** Is dredging a possibility? Alex will investigate.
9. **Lake Association Updates:**
 - a. LGIA: nothing
 - b. Lake Attitash: none
10. **Other business:**
 - a. Rob heard that person who had been doing lake Attitash data collection for the EPA has stopped because this person has been furloughed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM. The next meeting is October 24th.